

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christina Hildebrand on 2/10/11.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 29, line 2, ""spraying", "powdering", "distributing the coating materials", and "drying"" has been removed and replaced with -- spraying, powdering, distributing the coating materials, and drying--.

In paragraph 33 of the specification, ""spraying", "feeding and distributing" and "coating"" has been removed and replaced with --spraying, powdering, distributing the coating materials, and drying--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
The closed prior art of record is US 2787978 to Faeber and US 2336298 to Rubens. Both references fail to teach that the internal ribs or strips are decoupled from the rotating drum. It is the Examiner's opinion that the stated prior art does not teach, nor fairly suggest to combine the cited references, to produce the invention in this application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALEX ROLLAND whose telephone number is (571)270-5355. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Cleveland can be reached on (571)272-1418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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